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accounted for 56 percent. Of the patient-caused disabilities arising from drugs, 49 percent were due to aspirin.

Conclusion

The purpose of the study was to accumulate data about the PCE universe to provide the opportunity to consider alternative compensation plans. This goal has been achieved. Secondary benefits have also accrued: (1) Medicine now has added insight into the types and sources of disabilities caused by health care management, whether or not due to legal fault; and (2) With modifications and appropriate guidance, hospital medical staffs now have the methodology to undertake generic adverse-outcome monitoring as a basis

for self-assessment and prevention, when possible. Finally, the study should leave everyone with the realization that there are finite risks associated with health care management, most of which are unrelated to conduct characterized as legal fault. Society deserves the right to nourish great expectations from the advances in modern medicine, but *no one* should remain unaware that benefits and adverse risks are inseparable. When considering the circumstances under which these risks arise, their incidence rates are remarkably low. Only 4.65 percent of patients admitted to hospital were found to have incurred PCE's, and less than 1 percent of all patients admitted to hospital had PCE's due to legal fault.

Iridocyclitis and Papillitis Following Acute Febrile Respiratory Illness

A CERTAIN TYPE of anterior uveitis, particularly in young persons, appears to crop up about a week or ten days after an acute febrile respiratory illness. This, generally speaking, is an acute iridocyclitis and has been accompanied in a dismaying number of cases by involvement of the optic nerve head, an associated papillitis. That this disease is viral is only presumptive; it has not been proven. But the history of a febrile illness with respiratory symptoms a week or ten days before the onset of ocular symptoms has cropped up again and again in our series and may be important.

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